

And I will take thy word, yet if thou swear'st,
Thou maiest proue false: at Louers periuries
They say Ioue laugh, oh gentle Romeo,
If thou dost Loue, pronounce it faithfully:
Or if thou thinkest I am too quickly wonne,
Ile frowne and be peruerse, and say thee nay,
So thou wilt wooe: But else not for the world.
In truth faire *Montague* I am too fond:
And therefore thou maiest thinke my behauiour light,
But trust me Gentleman, Ile proue more true,
Then those that haue coying to be strange,
I should haue bene more strange, I must confesse,
But that thou ouerheard'st ere I was ware
My true Loues passion, therefore pardon me,
And not impute this yeelding to light Loue,
Which the darke night hath so discovered.

Rom. Lady, by yonder Moone I vow,
That tips with siluer all these Fruite tree tops.

Jul. O sweare not by the Moone, th'inconstant Moone,
That monethly changes in her circled Orbe,
Least that thy Loue proue likewise variable.

Rom. What shall I sweare by?

Jul. Do not sweare at all:

O if thou wilt sweare by thy gracious selfe,
Which is the God of my Idolatry,
And Ile beleue thee.

Rom. If my hearts deare loue.

Jul. Well do not sweare, although I loy in thee:

I haue no ioy of this contract to night,

It is too rash, too vnaduis'd, too sudden,

Too like the lightning which doth cease to be

Ere, one can say, it lightens, Sweete good night:

This bud of Loue by Summers ripening breath,

May proue a beaurious Flower when next we meete:

Goodnight, goodnight, as sweete repose and rest,

Come to thy heart, as that within my brest.

Rom. O wilt thou leaue me so vnstatisfied?

Jul. What satisfaction canst thou haue to night?

Rom. Th'exchange of thy Loues faithfull vow for mine.

Jul. I gaue thee mine before thou didst request it:

And yet I would it were to giue againe.

Rom. Wouldst thou withdraw it,

For what purpose Loue?

Jul. But to be franke and giue it thee againe,

And yet I wish but for the thing I haue,

My bounty is as boundlesse as the Sea,

My Loue as deepe, the more I giue to thee

The more I haue, for both are Infinite:

I heare some noyse within deare Loue adue:

Cal's within.

Anon good Nurse, sweet *Montague* be true:

Stay but a little, I will come againe.

Rom. O blessed blessed night, I am as fear'd

Being in night, all this is but a dreame,

Too flattering sweet to be substantiall.

Jul. Three words deare Romeo,

And goodnight indeed,

If that thy bent of Loue be Honourable,

Thy purpose marriage, send me word to morrow,

By one that Ile procure to come to thee,

Where and what time thou wilt performe the right,

And all my Fortunes at thy foote Ile lay,

And follow thee my Lord throughout the world.

Within: Madam.

I come, anon: but if thou meanest not well,

I do beseech thee *Within: Madam.*

(By and by I come)

To cease thy strife, and leaue me to my grieve,
To morrow will I send,

Rom. So thrue my soule.

Jul. A thousand times goodnight.

Rom. A thousand times the worse to want thy light,
Loue goes toward Loue as school-boys fro thier books
But Loue fro Loue, towards schoole with heauie looks.

Enter Juliet againe.

Jul. Hift Romeo hift: O for a Falkners voice,
To lure this Tassell gentle backe againe,
Bondage is hoarse, and may not speake aloud,
Else would I teare the Caue where Echo lies,
And make her ayrie tongue more hoarse, then
With repetition of my Romeo.

Rom. It is my soule that calls vpon my name,
How siluer sweet, sound Louers tongues by night,
Like softest Musicke to attending eares.

Jul. Romeo.

Rom. My Neece.

Jul. What a clock to morrow

Shall I send to thee?

Rom. By the houre of nine.

Jul. I will not faile, 'tis twenty yeares till then,
I haue forgot why I did call thee backe.

Rom. Let me stand here till thou remember it.

Jul. I shall forget, to haue thee still stand there,

Remembering how I Loue thy company.

Rom. And Ile still stay, to haue thee still forget,

Forgetting any other home but this.

Jul. 'Tis almost morning, I would haue thee gone,

And yet no further then a wantons Bird,

That let's it hop a little from his hand,

Like a poore prisoner in his twisted Cyues,

And with a silken thred plucks it backe againe,

So louing Iealous of his liberty.

Rom. I would I were thy Bird.

Jul. Sweet so would I,

Yet I should kill thee with much cherishing:

Good night, good night.

Rom. Parting is such sweete sorrow,

That I shall say goodnight, till it be morrow.

Jul. Sleepe dwell vpon thine eyes, peace in thy brest.

Rom. Would I were sleepe and peace so sweet to rest,

The gray ey'd morne smiles on the frowning night,

Checking the Easterne Clouds with streakes of light,

And darknesse fleckel'd like a drunkard reeles,

From forth dayes pathway, made by Titans wheeles.

Hence will I to my ghostly Fries close Cell,

His helpe to craue, and my deare hap to tell.

Exit.

Enter Friar alone with a basket.

Fri. The gray ey'd morne smiles on the frowning night,

Checking the Easterne Cloudes with streakes of light:

And fleckled darknesse like a drunkard reeles,

From forth daies path, and Titans burning wheeles:

Now ere the Sun aduance his burning eye,

The day to cheere, and nights danke dew to dry,

I must vpfill this Oster Cage of ours,

With balefull weedes, and precious Iuiced flowers,

The earth that's Natures mother, is her Tombe,

What is her burying graue that is her wombe:

And from her wombe children of diuers kind

We

We sucking on her naturall bosome find:

Many for many vertues excellent:

None but for some, and yet all different.

Omickle is the powerfull grace that lies

In Plants, Hearbs, Stones, and their true qualities:

For nought so vile, that on the earth doth liue,

But to the earth some speciall good doth giue.

Nor ought so good, but strain'd from that faire vsc,

Reuolts from true birth, stumbling on abuse.

Vertue it selfe turnes vice being misapplied,

And vice sometime by action dignified.

Enter Romeo.

Within the infant rind of this weake flower,

Poyson hath residence, and medicine power:

For this being smelt, with that part cheeres each part,

Being tasted slayes all fences with the heart.

Two such opposed Kings encampe them still,

In man as well as Hearbes, grace and rude will:

And where the worser is predominant,

Full soone the Canker death eates vp that Plant.

Rom. Good morrow Father.

Fri. Benedicite.

What early tongue so sweet salueth me?

Young Sonne, it argues a distemper'd head,

So soone to bid goodmorrow to thy bed;

Care keeps his watch in euery old mans eye,

And where Care lodges, sleepe will neuer lye:

But where vnbrused youth with vnstuffed braine

Doth couch his limbs, there golden sleepe doth raigine;

Therefore thy earliness doth me assure,

Thou art vprousd with some distemperature;

Or if not so, then here I hit it right.

Rom. Hath not bene in bed to night.

Rom. That last is true, the sweeter rest was mine.

Fri. God pardon sin: wast thou with *Rosaline*?

Rom. With *Rosaline*, my ghostly Father? No,

I haue forgot that name, and that names woe.

Fri. That's my good Son, but wher hast thou bin then?

Rom. Ile tell thee ere thou aske it me agen:

I haue bene feasting with mine enemy,

Where on a sudden one hath wounded me,

That's by me wounded: both our remedies

Within thy helpe and holy phisicke lies:

I beare no hatred, blessed man: for loe

My intercession likewise steads my foe.

Fri. Be plaine good Son, rest homely in thy drift,

Ridling confession, findes but ridling shrift.

Rom. Then plainly know my hearts deare Loue is set,

On the faire daughter of rich *Capulet*:

As mine on hers, so hers is set on mine;

And all combin'd, faue what thou must combine

By holy marriage: when and where, and how,

We met, we wooed, and made exchange of vow:

Ile tell thee as we passe, but this I pray,

That thou consent to marrie vs to day.

Fri. Holy S. Francis, what a change is heere?

Is *Rosaline* that thou didst Loue so deare

So soone forsaken? young mens Loue then lies

Not truely in their hearts, but in their eyes.

Iesu Maria, what a deale of brine

Hath wash't thy fallow cheekes for *Rosaline*?

How much salt water throwne away in wast,

To season Loue that of it doth not tast.

The Sun not yet thy sighes, from heauen cleares,

Thy old grones yet ringing in my ancient eares:

Lo here vpon thy cheek the staine doth sit,

Of an old teare that is not wash't off yet.

If ere thou wast thy selfe, and these woes thine,

Thou and these woes, were all for *Rosaline*.

And art thou chang'd? pronounce this sentence then,

Women may fall, when there's no strength in men.

Rom. Thou chid'st me oft for louing *Rosaline*.

Fri. For doting, not for louing pupill mine.

Rom. And bad'st me bury Loue.

Fri. Not in a graue,

To lay one in, another out to haue.

Rom. I pray thee chide me not, her I Loue now

Doth grace for grace, and Loue for Loue allow:

The other did not so.

Fri. O she knew well,

Thy Loue did read by rote, that could not spell:

But come young wauerer, come goe with me,

In one respect, Ile thy assistant be:

For this alliance may so happy proue,

To turne your houshold rancor to pure Loue.

Rom. O let vs hence, I stand on sudden fast.

Fri. Wisely and slow, they rumble that run fast.

Exeunt

Enter Benuolio and Mercutio.

Mer. Where the deu le should this Romeo be? came he
not home to night?

Ben. Not to his Fathers, I spoke with his man.

Mer. Why that same pale hard-hearted wench, that *Rosaline*
worments him so, that he will sure run mad.

Ben. *Tibalt*, the kinsman to old *Capulet*, hath sent a Letter
to his Fathers house.

Mer. A challenge on my life.

Ben. Romeo will answere it.

Mer. Any man that can write, may answere a Letter.

Ben. Nay, he will answere the Letters Maister how he
dares, being dared.

Mer. Alas poore Romeo, he is already dead stab'd with
a white wenches blacke eye, runne through the care with
a Loue song, the very pinne of his heart, cleft with the
blind Bowe-boys but-shaft, and is he a man to encounter
Tybalt?

Ben. Why what is *Tibalt*?

Mer. More then Prince of Cats. Oh hee's the Couragi-
ous Capitaine of Compliments: he fights as you sing
prick-song, keeps time, distance, and proportion, he rests
his minum, one, two, and the third in your bosom: the ve-
ry butcher of a silk burton, a Dualist, a Dualist: a Gentleman
of the very first house of the first and second cause: sh the
immortall Passado, the Punto reuerfo, the Hay.

Ben. The what?

Mer. The Pox of such antique lisping affecting phan-
tacies, these new tuners of accent: Iesu a very good blade,
a very tall man, a very good whore. Why is not this a la-
mentable thing Grandfire, that we should be thus afflicted
with these strange flies: these fashion Mongers, these par-
don-mee's, who stand so much on the new form, that they
cannot sit at ease on the old bench: O their bones, their
bones.

Enter Romeo.

Ben. Here comes Romeo, here comes Romeo.

Mer. Without his Roe, like a dried Hering. O flesh,
flesh, how art thou fishified? Now is he for the numbers
that *Petrarch* flow'd in: *Laura* to his Lady, was a kitchen
wench, marrie she had a better Loue to beisme her: *Dido*
a dowdie, *Cleopatra* a Gipsie, *Hellen* and *Hero*, hildings
and Harlots: *Thisbe* a gray eie or so, but not to the purpose.
Signior Romeo, *Bon iour*, there's a French salutation to your

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